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# TO THE SOCIALISTS OF COOK COUNTEND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Comrades-We fraternally ask your perusal of this statement and your active co-operation in the action we submit for your consideration and

For several years a difference of opinion has existed among members of the party regarding tactics. With the exception of a few very active persons this difference of opinion has been frankly and sincerely stated, and the minority with few exceptions, have been at all times faithful workers in

A change in tactics came in the recent State convention. This change the rank and file of the party in the State will doubtless accept as loyally as have the minority in the past; but not so a few persons who, under the guise of extreme revolutionary Socialism, have secured positions of influence and power in the party, and who, at heart, repudiate its principles, aims and objects, and who seek to prevent its progress.

The change made these few persons desperate, and caused them to men ace those who had changed their opinions and votes with violence and per-

Our nominee for Governor on our State ticket. State Organizer John Collins, was singled out as an object of their vengeance, and as a means of injuring the party, false charges were made against him; he was suspended from his official position as organizer, and means taken to expel him or force him out of the movement, and thus terrorize the members and cut the head off our own State ticket.

Within two days of the adjournment of the National convention, and without the slightest authority, these few persons, at a meeting of the Cook County Central Committee, repudiated the National piatform and ticket of the party by appointing a committee of nine to make a new National platform, to be circulated throughout the United States in opposition to the National platform, and thereby spread confusion and disruption in the party and destroy all prospects of a successful presidential campaign.

At the next meeting, last Sunday, they proceeded with their destructive work, a part of which was to expel Comrade Collies and thus remove the head of our State ticket; but a vote surprised them by placing them in a minority, and a suspension of the rules and a motion to indorse the National platform and presidential nominees forced them to uncover and reveal their anarchist tendencies. For three hours the majority patiently allowed them to obstruct and prevent the indorsement of our National platform and presidential ticket; then, in spite of the fact that all the rules had been suspended, under a claim that the time to close the meeting had arrived, and in the fidst of a vote, Secretary Lindgren vacated his position, and with Knoche, Meyer, Kaplan as leaders, the minority rose and with shouts and cries moved to the door in an attempt to break up the meeting. Failing in this they stayed at the rear of the hall while the majority promptly elected Comrade Stangland temporary secretary. The chairman then addressed the meeting, to the effect that as he represented the minority and had been repeatedly defeated in his rulings in favor of the minority, he thought it proper to resign in favor of some one representing the majority. Thereupon Comrade T. J. Morgan was elected chairman and the meeting proceeded. The minutes of the meeting, which Comrade Morgan had prevented ex-Secretary Lindgren from taking away, were placed in possession of the temporary secretary, Stangland.

The motion to indorse the National pigtform and presidential tieset was then put and carried. The minority, as in the National convention, fafled

The committee of nine appointed to draft a new National platform was then discharged, and a mass meeting to ratify the National platform and presidential ticket was then ordered to be held at Ulich's Hall, 27 North Clark street, Sunday, March 22. A new Executive Committee of the Cook County Central Committee was elected and James S. Smith, State Secretary, was elected in place of Lindgren, removed. A. W. Mance, editor of The Chieago Socialist, was then elected as temporary manager of The Chicago Socialist, in place of F. W. Knoche, removed, and O. G. Olson was elected treasurer. A committee was then elected to assist Editor Mance and the new Executive Committee empowered to take charge of the ratification meeting next Sunday and to call the next meeting of the Cook County Central Committee, and the secretary was instructed to notify the secretaries of all branches of the proceedings of this meeting.

A collection was then taken up from the delegates of the Cook County Central Committee for the support of The Chicago Socialist, and nearly \$100 raised. This testimonial of the loyalty of the seeing was followed by adjournment and three hearty cheers for the Socials party.

Monday morning, May 16, at S a. m., Comrades Mance, editor: James Smith, State secretary; John Collins, State organizer and nominee for Governor; A. M. Simons, Seymour Stedman, Charles Breckon, T. J. Morgan and Chas. Green assembled at the office of The Chicago Socialist and State secretary, but could not gain admission, Knoche having the keys. Knoche and Lindgren had vsited the office at an earlier hour and taken away the typewriter mimeograph, records of the party, account books, and all letters containing money, money orders, stamps and checks belonging to the party, and left the postal cards; they also visited the postoffice and endeavored to divert the to themselves, but only succeeded in stopping its delivery till we could be heard. They then visited the capitalist papers to notify them that they had split the Socialist party in Cook County, Knoche being quoted as saying "That this split would spread throughout the party in the United States and disrupt it.'

Comrades Simons and Stedman, having personally signed the lease of the office of The Chicago Socialist and State secretary, notified the landlord of the change in management. The landlord then caused the lock on the door to to changed and keys furnished Comrides Mance and Smith.

The postal authorities were then informed of the change, and the claims of Knoche and Lindgren ignored and the mail delivered to the office as usual. This brief narrative of this manifestation of anarchy in the Socialist party of Cook County reveals the danger which constantly threatens the party from the intrusion of Anarchists and agents of capitalism, who, posing as the real simon pure revolutionary, clear cut, class conscious, uncompromising, scientific Socialists, cast discredit on tried and true comrades: attack all who show ability, get possession of positions of trust and power, and deceive the membership who cannot learn their true character till they expose themselves, or great injury is done the Socialist movement.

Prompt and energetic measures are required to safeguard the party, and an overwhelming indorsement of the National and State platform and presidential ticket should be given at the ratification meeting next Sunday at Ulich's Hall, 27 North Clark street, and by this action force the Anarchists

ADOLPH HARRACK. A. WIGSNES PETER BULTHOUSE. SEYMOUR STEDMAN, ALBERT EISEMANN. CHAS. KENNEY, JOHN M. CROOK. ADOLPH PORCELIUS.

E. M. STANGLAND. Executive Committee Socialist Party of Cook County, Illinois.

### **COUNTY CONVENTION**

The Cook County Convention will be held at Oriental Hall, 122 La Salle street, Sunday, May 29th, 10 a. m.

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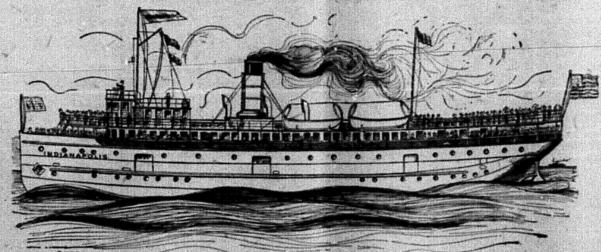
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for the big fellows, such as Archbishop ing class contributes very liberally to charged in Denver on the charge of meddle in the game.

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Ireland-why, that's all right. But the the money kings, but they are too desecrating the flag, practically nothittle fellows-pshaw, they shouldn't stingy to change the system and retain ing was said by the press. Some papers

the product or value of their own Ignored it entirely. Had he been convicted it would have been announced When Secretary Hayward of the in big, black display type on the front for nothing but a revolutionary plat wealth, is lucky if a berth in the poor-western Federation of Miners was display type on the front for nothing but a revolutionary plat wealth, is lucky if a berth in the poor-western Federation of Miners was display type on the front for nothing but a revolutionary plat wealth, is lucky if a berth in the poor-western Federation of Miners was display type on the front for nothing but a revolutionary plat wealth, is lucky if a berth in the poor-western Federation of Miners was display type on the front for nothing but a revolutionary plat.

#### A CLEAN PARTY.

#### BY ERNEST UNTERMANN.

During the last tweive mentls the two old parties have kept the country aghast by a continuous stanck of corruption, servifity to corporate interests, and all around visiation of so-called hallowed principles and institutions supposed to have been created for the special interest of the dear people, Corruption in the postal department, corruption in the war department, corruption in high places and corruption in low places, until even a few captalist thinkers awake to the fact that "buckers corrupts politics" and that there is no official position under the present system high enough to be above the geneli of the aluniphty dollar, no civic right that is not overridden at the command of phatograpy. We have seen trusts send special telegrams to the President and Congress, giving them instructions much as they/would to their managers and doing their utmost to substantiate the well-known statement of the "Communist Manifesto" that capitalist governments are mere committees of the ruling class. We have seen revolutions organized in the interest of financial gambiers, revolutions in which the interests of the masses of the workers of the nation were represcited by the proverbial full dinner pail, with a dose of quinine added as a special incentive. We have seen Democratic and Republican Governors trample on the constitutions of their States, whenever the finger of the capitalist beckoned them. We have seen justice askeep in the supreme courts and in the lower courts, conveniently napping while predatory wealth robbed the country at leisure. And we have seen the executive power of the nation involved in these cobberies, instead of finding it on the alert against them.

Yet, though all this is well known, the majority of the nation seem to accept it as a matter of fact from which there is not the least escape. Politics is a business, and business is business, and so long as political prostitotion is the highway of fame, people WHLL barter honor and self-respect for political plams, and, therefore, concludes the capitalist mind, we must continue to be ruled by political prostitutes, now and forever. And the capitalist politicians, with all the brazenness and unconcern of the professional prostitute, with the money of the capitalist buyers in their pockers, jauntify appeal to the "sovereign" voters for the "high honors which are only the reward of civic purity and integrity." And the candidates for these "high honors" which go to the highest bidder, ballot for days against one another in the effort to carry off the substantial emoluments that are attached to

If the Socialist party had taken half the time to nominate its candidates for President and Vice President that the Republican party of Illinois is now taking to nominate a candidate for Governor, and if the dickering of factions and wholesale bartering of "their" delegates by the "feaders" were to be carried on by the Socialists as openly and businessilke as it is being done by both old parties, the capitalist editors would flow over with noble wrath at the lowness and callousness of the despicable Socialist elements who assume to aspire to public bonors. But no one seems to find anything strange in the disgraceful proceedings of the Republican party at Springfield or in the no less disgraceful proceedings at the various Democratic primaries. Fistic battles and mutual villification seem to be the current tender among the respectables in the two old parties, and we common proletarians ask ourselves in wonderment what became of the polished manners and intellectual superiority of the pillars of society. Strangely enough, the same papers that publish these occurrences as a matter of fact, and often with a fine touch of humor thrown in, have the presumption to look at every little altercation and every chance word in a Socialist convention through the lense of a Lick telescope, and if they take any notice at all of any great and representative Socialist meetings, it is merely for the purpose of silnging

The Socialist party can well afford to look at the capitalist parties and their libeious defenders with cool disdain. Strong in the consciousness of its impregnable principles, it can walk unsuffled through the mire and fifthof capitalist society toward the heights of the new society which will remove, with the ruling classes and their pestiferous political by-products, the basic cause of all corruption, the exploitation of a subject class.

# Mass Meeting!

A grand mass meeting of all Socialists of Cook County for the purpose of ratifying the State and National Platforms adopted at Peoria and Chicago.

The Socialists of the State of Illinois are making arrangements to carry on a vigorous campaign of education among the voters during the coming spring and fall. Already a campaign committee is at work mapping out plans. Every Socialist in Cook County who can possibly do so, should be present at this meeting and assist in starting the campaign in a befitting manner. The meeting will take place at

# Ulich's Hall, 27 N. Clark St. Sunday, May 22nd, 10 A. M. LET EVERY SOCIALIST BE PRESENT.

At the meeting of the Cook County Central Committee held Sunday, May from the stigma placed upon him by 15, there were many stirring incidents the Fourteenth Ward Branch. which will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. In fact, a whole chapter of Cook County Socialist history was crowded into a few hours at this eventful meeting, the details of which the Socialists of Illinois may know by referring to another column in this issue.

But probably the most stirring inciganizer and candidate for Governor.

The Fourteenth Ward Branch of the be satisfied. Socialist party, of which Comrade Collins is a member, brought charges Methodist Episcopal bishops are re-against him for disobeying his lustructured on half pay, \$2,500 a year, an tions at the Peorla State convention.

that Comrade Collins carried out his instructions in regard to the platform to the letter, and that he even went further and voted against a program for which he was personally in favor.

On this showing of the Grievance Committee the Central Committee, by an overwhelming majority, passed a motion exonerating Comrade Collins

When the vote, which was by roll call, was announced, a cheer went up from the assembled delegates and visitors that fairly raised the roof of the

When our State Executive Committee comes to its senses, there is no doubt Comrade Collins will soon be dent of this eventful meeting was once more engaged in the work of when the committee took action on the spreading the evangel of Socialism report of the Grievance Committee on among the workers of the State of Illithe case of the Fourteenth Ward nois, and the sooner he is at it, the Branch vs. John Collins, our State Or. better all SOCIALISTS, both in Cook County and the State of Illinois, will

ons at the Peorla State convention.

The Grievance Committee reported live where they desire. The working that the evidence showed that Com- class, which renders real service to sorade Collins was instructed to stand ciety, and which also produces all

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#### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVEN-TION.

If any additional proof were needed by the people that venality is at the the inspiring work for socialism. bottom (and the top) of all capitalistic polities, it is furnished by the proceedings in the Lillnois State convention of the Republican party. The bargaining for public offices which a few years ago would have been conducted within the four walls of the private office of some party boss, is now a matter of common notoriety, shamelessly promoted by the "virtuous patriots" who assume to represent the in terests of the people and in complete disregard of "public opinion." In fact, it may truthfully be said that outside the Socialist movement there is no real opinion on the subject. There is only sordid acquiescence or supine indifference to the conditions for which the capitalist masters of the old parties are responsible. Both these parties and their politics are managed with reference to the distribution of the public powers and offices among party benchmen in such fashion as to serve Individual ambition and party supremacy. The welfare of the people or the higher demands of the State and nation meet with the smallest con

sideration, even none at all. Public offices exist, as matters now stand, as opportunities for graft to be turned over to the minor politicians who are in a position to deliver the most votes of delegates sitting in a convention and claiming to represent the beonie

The Plinols Republican convention with half a dozen aspirants for Governor, started on a test of physical endurance among the delegates to win success for their respective candidates. The result was a deadlock. Then the bargaining for "place" began, and the men "nearest to" the present lucumbent of the White House-Hopkins, Cannon and Lorimer-with no authority from the people, but actuated solely by "patriotic motives," approached one of the aspirants with a proposition to withdraw, and in consideration of his doing so promised him an appointment at the hands of Roosevelt as United States minister to Mexico. These three "eminent statesmen" who are "morest to the President," who, like the Presideat, live upon the producers of wealth, and who, also like the President, are of course guided in all they do by a consuming desire to serve the

shop and stood ready to barter away Presidential appointments.

It is one of the distinguishing characteristics of "patriots" that they must get something from the public with Patriotism without pay is un thinkable. Make patrictism profitable or "distinguished," and patriots multinly. When there is "nothing in it" for being patriotic, patriotism dwindles, Thousands of landlords throughout the country are "patriotic", because there is revenue in rents for them drawn from the public crib; thousands of politicians are "patriotic" becaus there is revenue in it for them in of tice. The incentive to "patriotism" is pay, place and power.

Socialism is against pay for any sec vice that is unnecessary; it is for the abolition of all such service. When all able-bodied men are rendering to so clery some necessary and useful service, then "graft" will disappear, the political bargain counter will be demolished, the choice of administrators of public affairs will be democratic. conventions will be assemblages of the people and not of the despoilers of the seople hypocritically proclaiming their 'virtnes" and their "patriotism," and there will be an intelligent public opinon that will be heard and heeded.

#### IT IS ALL FOR THE BEST.

The Armours, in a moment of lels

me, took a careless glance at the fruit and cold storage business, and con cluded, after a second look at their ivallable finals, that it would be bet er for the prosperity of the nation if bey took the burden of attending to this business from the aching shoul ders of the little fellows in South Wa er street. A special incentive for this numane step on the part of the Arnours, who are well known as greaphilanthropists, like all the rest of the apitalist class, seems to have been the fact that a great many refrigerate ars carried nothing but plain aira good part of the way. And since air has not vet been syndicated to the point where it pays the Armours to display a hu manitarian interest in it, except when it is blown forth in hot gusts by the political servants of the class to which the Armours belong, they concluded that it would be to the best interest of the nation to fill the place of that plainair with something which reward ed humanitarian efforts in a substan ial way. And so the South Water streepart of the nation is now making the liscovery that America is a free coun try. Of course, that is not a new dis covery. Indeed, most of us discover this fact regularly several times a day. But it seems to be new to the little fellows in South Water street, and the prospect of being free to enjoy their right to labor elsewhere, likely enough with only the full dinner pail to look forward to as an ideal, does not seen Charles Erickson, W. Linke, Mat to find much favor in their eyes. But we can assure them from actual experience that "it is all for the best, Little dealers, as a rule, do not awake burg, Canton; U. Calkins, Peoria; Gus to the tremendous possibilities that slumber in the human breast, until they are forced to pass through the clarifying are of the projectarian strug gle. And when the truth will dawn on them, that the Armours are really do ing so useful work, quite against their wn will, by organizing the economiasis of a better social stage, then they will find a sweet revenge by gathering lying coal on the heads of the trust paguates, help us to lift them out of the slough of capitalist despond by

#### A BONE FIGHT.

In the following editorial, taken from the Chicago Tribune, the editor tries to make fun of the Socialist position, that governments are run in the interest of the prevailing economic cass. But there is no fun about it; it is simply the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in regard to politics. Sombart was unable to find a single instance in all history where ruling class had voluntarily divested itself of its class supremacy. So was the Tribune editor, and therefore instead of class self-sacrifices he gives a number of instances of 'individual self-sacrifices, all of which prove nothing with regard to laws, which control the action of classes. Politics is a bone fight all the way up, from the Republican convention at Springfield to the Russo-Japanese war. When the Tribone gives us an example of an employ ers' union starting a strike among its own employes for the purpose of put ting the employes in full control of the business, then it will be in order to get funny

THE WORLD AS A BONE FIGHT. Now words of illumination come from the man whose eyes have seen through the misty mockery of this orld's bleak.

"The assemblage of European nations around Asia is nothing but a bone fight between curs. And Japan's sudden turn on Russia is merely the not of a cur which has discovered that it can chase instead of being

chased." To the observation that the Individual Russlans and Japanese display a marvelous amount of self-sacrifice in the pursuit of their objects, the clever, dislibusionized person replies that those individuals are simply the dupes of a big, sordid scheme of commercial ex platation. They think that they are shedding their blood for the doubleheaded eagle or for the rising sun. They are really shedding it for the div dends of the stock companies organ ged by their intellectual fellow coun

It is easy when one has started out on this tack to sail into the port people, opened up the political bargain where every motive can be stripped only obtained after diligent effort.

its husks of Plealism and reduced its bare kernel of selfishness

Patriotism is simply the unanimous clashness of a group of people who appen to live on the same point of he earth's surface, and who, by Monae doctrines and by high tariffs, enleaver to prevent all other people from daring their advantages.

The labors of a scientist who spends ong nights in his laboratory discoverng an anti-tox n are simply his atempts to get ahead in Ale line of busiless and to secure a piric remunerace position in a larger unit resity.

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The subscriptions made by working rade unionists in Iowa to assist out work trade unionists in Pennsylania are simply the necessary means of sustaining an organized selfish depand for higher wages and shorter

The sacrifices made by a wife for a instand are simply a temporary surender of her comfort in order that she may subsequently have the satisfacion of sharing in his greater material

In other words, almost every flower of idealism springs out of a rank soil of selfishness in which the lately dislusionized person delights to grub. It the sophomore stage of culture. The est lesson in college text books on sychology is that every human act is hosen because it offers to the actor a reponderance of pleasurable over ainful sensations. There is not one the great movements in the history f the race which cannot be shown to and back to some kind of self-interest, Yet every great movement has been crought to maturity by the bountiful good of its disinterested devotees, and dmost every one can be seen by the sistorian to have served a great pur ose in human development.

When, therefore, the present-day oberver is confronted by so great a world movement as that of the colonization of Asia and of Africa, he will do well to dismiss it with the phrase bone fight." History is built on the bones over which men hav, struggled. But while they have struggled they have struck out from each other the noblest of human qualities, they have given us our present civilization, and they have started the world on its swirling, concentrating development to ward unity of progress,

#### INTERESTING CONVENTION STATISTICS.

Thirty-six States and Territories ere represented in the national conention by 183 delegates, among them eing seven women (from six different States). A number of alternates were present, who for a time took the place of absent delegates.

All delegates in attendance did not fill out blanks on back part of duplicate credentials. From those filled out the following facts are showing

The oldest delegate was 70 years of age and the youngest 20 years. There were two of latter age. The average age was between 39 and 40,

One hundred and twenty were natives of the United States, Foreign ountries were represented as follows: Austria, 4; Canada, 9; Denmark, 1 England, 7, France, 1; Germany, 19; Ireland, 2; Italy, 1; Norway, 2; Russia, Sweden, 1; Switzerland, 2. Total of

The occupations were: Architect, 1: bookkeepers, 4; brewery workers, 1; butcher, 1; cabinet maker, 1; carpenters, 5; cigarmakers, 6; clerks, 3; confeetioner, 1; cooper, 1; clergyman, 1; contractors, 3; dentist, 1; editors, 20; engineer, 1; electrical engineer, 1; farmers, 5; foundryman, 1; groceryman, 1; hatter, 1; hotel keeper, 1; iron and steel worker, 1; jeweler, 1; journalist and writers, 4; janitor, 1; knitter, 1; lecturer, 7; lawyers, 15; merchants, 4; holders, 3; machinists, 4; mail carrier, 1; music teacher, 1; miner, 1; manufacturer, 1; merchant tailor, 1; news agent, 1; organizers and agitators, 5; physicians and surgeons, 5; porter, 1; printers, 16; paper hanger, 1; painters and decorators, 2; pharmaist, 1; proof reader, 1; plumber, 1; pattern maker, 1; real estate agent, 1; store manager, 1; salesmen, 4; students, 3; sawmill operator, 1; stove workers, 3; stone mason, 1; silk weaver, 1; stenographer, 1; sheet iron worker, 1; teachers, 7; telegrapher, 1; tinner, 1; waiters, 3; woodworkers, 2; watch maker, 1: watch repairer, 1, Seventy-eight delegates were mem-

ers of trade unions, National headquarters Socialist parry, Chicago, Ill., May 14, 1994.

"If I belonged to your race I would loin no union," deciared Rev. Joseph Milburn, of the colored Plymouth Congregational Church one night last week n an address before the A. M. E. Conference at Quinn Chapel, "I would not subject myself to servitude deeper than that from which you have been emancipated." Mr. Milburn, perhaps, is no worse in his advising the colored man to stay out of the union, than Mitchell and Gompers telling the union man to stay out of polities. Milburn knows very well that the colored man in wage slavery is but little better off. if any, than he was under chattel slavery. Under the last form he was fed. clothed and boused. Under the former, if he cannot find a master, he must freeze and starre. In misleading his olored brethren, Mr. Milborn is either a traitor to his fellow men or densely ignorant of the objects of a trades

Patlence and self-possession are

THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

"My objection to the platform," said Chicago impossibilist, "is that if doesn't say recointion. I am a radical and don't like a platform that has no word in it for revolutionary socialisig."

It is, without doubt, perfectly safe for us to say that there are some who would have been dissatisfied with any platform the national convention could have formulated and adopted, no matter what it contained or omitted. If the entire contents of the last three pragraphs had been left out, there would still have been all sorts of frivolous objections raised by an extreme ly limited and irrational few to that which remained. Among these objections would have been the one quoted above. "It does not say revolution." Neither does the mere word "revolutionary" or "revolutionist" occur. Had either of these words somewhere appeared, the platform would have there by been made acceptable to the few whose comprehension of the Socialist philosophy and movement hinges upon a mere word or phrase. The convention could have endeared itself forever to such people by ordering the phrase 'revolutionary socialism' set up in big black face type and printed in a color distinctive from the body of the platform, thus adding picturesqueness to emphasis.

But now let us see what the party, carrying this platform into effect, would accomplish. Is the platform revolutionary, whether it resorts to display type and color effects or not? That is the question-the only question that any really rational man will ask. For answer we must go to the document fiself. There we find the following decirration:

"The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscions organization of society.

"Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common by owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men."

Now is it possible for a man to comprehend fully this passage from the platform and not at the same time see revolution in it—the overthrow of cap-Italist industry and the rise of the cosperative commonwealth, with productive capital socialized and production carried on without profit and for use alone? The genuineness of this utterance cannot be questioned or discredited. It comes from the Socialist party of America in convention as sembled. It is no quietistic or conser vative statement; it is pregnant with the oncoming social revolution. It is revolutionary; not only so, but the con vention that adopted it with practical unanimity was made up of conscious revolutionaries. No man questions that except the impossibilist who vaguely imagines himself capable of figuring out, to the day and the hour. the complete transformation of capitallst society into Socialist society, just as he would calculate the appearance

of a chicken from the shell. The Socialist party is revolutionary. tuse it seeks to conquer political power for a specific purpose, that purpose being, as the platform states, to put an end to "the private ownership of the means of employment" which grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and po-

litical tyranny inevitable." When the platform mentions certain remedial measures, it does so "as menns to the one great end of the cooperative commonwealth" and it says:

"Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance."

With all this before them, the revolutionary consciousness of a few impossibilists is shocked because, forsooth, a platform containing the essence of the Socialist revolution, lacks certain terms and phrases by which alone they are able to recognize it. The Socialist movement in America, it may as well be understood, has evolved out of that state of revolving round a circult fenced in by a few phrases-a revolution in the mazes of phraseology. It is a part of the great world movement, committed to working class in terests and worthy of working class support, on a platform that stands for the complete overthrow of capitalist industry. A. S. EDWARDS.

John Mitchell has been getting more bouquets from the exploiters of labor. One paper editorially regrets that the Seamen's Union hasn't got a "conservative leader like Mitchell," the man with saint like face and Judas qualifications. Any man who will say that he is a Republican ten or twelve times in a ten-minute speech before an audience of striking miners in Colorado after the heroic freatment they have been getting out there certainly furnishes cause for suspicion.

South Water street commission men ire being crowded out by Armour, who is using his refrigerator cars for fruit shipments from California. The next thing for him to do is to buy the fruit farms.

### AMERICAN

"American Punperism and the Aboli tion of Poverty." from the press of Chas. H. Kerr & Co., is the latest ad dition to the Socialist series, and a valuable one.

Here are figures that make the darkness visible; the debit columns in our career of loot and just and murder This is the balance in the loss and gain account of the profit ledger written in the red blood of men, women and children who can no longer struggle. The industrial and commercial su-

premacy of the world means many things. Its chief meaning is that blood and brawn and brain are cheaper here than anywhere else in the world; labor digs a ton of coal, weaves a yard of cloth, forges a ton of steel, produces a bushel of wheat at the lowest labor These results in their turn become causes. Under this system the bonds

of wealth and pauperism are indissoluble. The number of millionaires in creases, but they do not keep up with the number of paupers, suicides, crimluals, prostitutes and lusane. The mil-Honaire is civilization's costllest prod uct-into his making go the lives of thousands of the workers. The power of the one measures the hopelessness

Contrast the two. Beside the selfsatisfied look of industry's captains place the leer of the harlot; beside the spell-binder, prating of national greatness place the gibberings of the insans Write over them we are of one blood, the victors and the victims.

There is a vast mass of statistics in the work that will make it an arsenal to the man who knows how to use them; its chief value to the ordinary worker, however, will be the individunlized expression of suffering in the

Every worker knows that his path leads along the verge of this gloomy abyss, that sickness or accident may plunge him at any moment into the lower circles of the industrial infernoamong the socially damaed. That is the fate of the man who is industrially outlawed-he is one whose wage has the law of wages. His number must increase with every improvement in machinery, lessening the number of men required to do the world's work, and the power of the worker to buy back his product.

But misery in the mass does not enlighten; it only appals. I only care to note two instances, the fate of two images which capitalism fashioned out of the blood of the workers.

Here is a being, in years a man, in size a youth, in intellect an ape-for six years he has lived in an ash heap and fed upon garbage. If the social volcano should vomit forth its red lava what of this child of the cinders?

Here is a child 8 years old. For two years she has worked in a cotton mhl. For two years the shrick of the factory whistle has wakened her at 4 in the morning and at S at night she has reached home. She has walked four miles each day and has stood upon her feet at work 1114 hours. Two fingers are missing. She is supposed to attend school a few weeks in the summer, but her teacher says she can't learn. She looks frail and has a cough. It is the common heritage of the child workers. Life is not long, measured in years, among her class. She was not fit to survive, you know. It is well. It may e that the flowers will blossom and life. the birds carol above her grave, that her tired hands will get rested and sense and soul no longer deadened by

the whire of wheels. I read the long columns of figures giving the numbers of children employed and the percentages of increase: they were symbols of awful things, but I did not eatch their meaning until it was revealed in the life of that little child who might have romped with me on the lawn, climbed on my lap, thrown her chubby arms around my

neck and fallen asleep in my arms. Then I understood. Those figures were endowed with life; they stretched away through filthy streets and dreary lanes, an unending and unnumbered procession, lost in the factory's gloom and the city's smoke. Each tiny hand spun out a life and wove not alone the cloths of commerce but the shroud of

civilization as well, But I turn from these bloody orgies of peace. Well I know that the strength and wisdom to build aright was never born of despair. The final battle of emancipation will not be fought by men whose feet are in the quicksands. Men whose thought is clouded by the sky alone; men whose vision has swept wide horizons; men whose arm is strong and in whose blood is the battle ery of an hundred centuries of conflict must beat down the wrong and from the world's need realize the world's hope,

GUY E. MILLER.

#### TO PARTY MEMBERS.

A cordial invitation has been extended to the comrades of Local Cook County, by the Social Democrats of Racine, Wis., to attend their annual picnic, to be held Sunday, June 19th. at Central Park, four miles south of Racine, Wis., on the Chicago & Northwestern line. All comrades who can attend are guaranteed a good time. Admission to park free.

The Office of Chicago Socialist is now at 612 and 613, 42 River St. Office Hours: 9 to 6:30 P. M.

# PAUPERISM." THE NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Adopted by the Convention of the Socialist Party of the United States of America, at Chicago, May 1 to May 6, 1904.

We, the Socialist Party, in conven- manity. tion assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender

society. lican and Democratic parties are utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an in dustrial system which can be pre served only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been selzed upon by the Wherever and whenever man owned ing out the idea of freedom from produced only the things which he among the people. Our State and na- used, economic independence was postional Legislatures have become the sible. But production, or the making mere agencies of great propertied in of goods, has long ceased to be inditerests. These interests control the vidual. The labors of scores of even appointments and decisions of the thousands, enters into almost every judges of our courts. They have come article produced. Production is now into what is practically a private social or collective. Practically everyownership of all the functions and thing is made or done by many men forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign tinents-working together for the and weaker peoples, in order to establishme end. But this co-operation in lish new markets for the surplus goods production is not for the direct use which the people make, but are too of the things made by the workers sunk below the subsistence point of poor to buy. They are gradually so who make them, but for the profit of invading and restricting the right of the owners of the tools and means of suffrage as to take unawares the production; and to this is due the right of the worker to a vote or voice present division of society into two in public affairs. By enacting new distinct classes; and from it has and misinterpreting old laws, they sprung all the miseries, inharmonies are preparing to attack the liberty of and contradictions of our civilization. the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good. . he no possible compromise or identity

> cial revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the in the midst of darkness. A society voice of the protest against the pass- based upon this class division carries ing of liberty and the coming of in itself the seeds of its own destructyranny. It completely controls the tion. Such a society is founded in university and public school, the pul- fundamental injustice. There can be pit and the press, arts and literatures. I no possible basis for social peace, for By making these economically depend- individual freedom, for mental and ent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into service and complete triumph of the worksubmission to its own interests. -

> Our political institutions are also the right or power to be. being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all The Socialist program is not a theliberty and opportunity depend. The ory imposed upon society for its acceptpromise of economic independence to ance or rejection. It is but the intereach man was one of the faiths in pretation of what is, sooner or later, But under the guise of defending pri- gling to its destruction. It is no longer vate property, capitalism is using our competent to organize or administer political institutions to make it im- the work of the world, or even to prepossible for the vast majority of hu- serve itself. The captains of indusman beings to ever become possessors try are appalled at their own inability of private property in the means of to control or direct the rapidly social-

> Capitalism is the enemy and destroy-1 er of essential private property. Its developing socialization of the world's development is through the legalized work. The universal increase of the confiscation of ail that the labor of uncertainty of employment, the unithe working class produces, above its versal capitalist determination to break subsistence-wage. The private owner- down the unity of labor in the trades ship of the means of employment unions, the widespread apprehensions grounds society in an economic slav- of impending change, reveal that the ery which renders intellectual and political tryranny inevitable.

> Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capital-Ism upon the liberty of the individual. the Socialist movement. The Socialist

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of world's workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag all production shall be for the direct down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the of goods for profit shall come to an competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national but international in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of the so-called patriotisms which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markers of the world, or the emaining sources of profit.

The Socialist movement therefore is world-movement. It knows of no for aged and exhausted workers; for conflicts between the workers of one the public ownership of the means of nation and the workers of another. It transportation, communication and exstands for the freedom of the workers change; for the graduated taxation of

makes for the full fredom of all hu-

The Socialist movement owes its and preserver of the idea of liberty birth and growth to that economic deand self-government, in which the us- velopment or world-process which is tion was born; as the only political rapidly separating a working or promovement standing for the program ducing class from a possessing or capand principles by which the liberty of stalist class. The class that produces the individual may become a fact; as nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the only political organization that is the opportunities and enjoyments democratic, and that has for its pur- these fruits afford, while the class that pose the democratizing of the whole of does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and To this idea of liberty the Repub- physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

> The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. apitalist class as the means of roof his own land and tools, and by them -sometimes separated by seas or con-

Between these two classes there can By controlling all the sources of so- of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light moral harmony, except in the conscious ing class as the only class that has

which our institutions were founded. Inevitable. Capitalism is already strugtzing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society,

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that use of the producers; that the making end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men. v.

To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government, and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions of all nations; and, in so standing, it incomes, inheritances, and of franchise

# COMRADES, ATTENTION

A mass meeting of the comrades Local Cook County was called on March 31 to devise ways and mean to wipe out the indebtedness and to raise a fund for the use of the paper to deal strictly on a cush basis and to have funds to properly advertise this

It was resolved to call for pledgeto raise funds at once, and if possible to raise a standing fund of \$1,000.

A number of comrades pledged themselves to pay a certain sum for eight weeks, and the amount so pledged was \$198. The sum of \$82.54 was realized at once. The pledges and eash payments and donations up to and including Wednesday, May 4. were acknowledged in last week's So-

Total pledges to date ......\$584.00

H. M. Donnells . . . . . . . . . . . 1.00 E. Unterman ...... Geo. Buffermer ...... 1.00 C |Bender .....

Don't forget that the Ladies' Socialist Choir is going to give a ball Sun day, May 22, at 3 p. m., in the small Wicker Park Hall, North avenue, near Milwaukee avenue. Comrades and their friends who wish to enjoy themselves next Sunday should take this event in. See advertisement in another column.

Come, comrades, support your paper and help it out of its difficulties, by taking subscriptions and buying and distributing bundless.

Donations and pledges will be received by the undersigned and ac knowledged weekly until the amount is made up. Comrades everywhere, will you kindly belp?

A. W. MANCE, Business Manager. Remember the new address, Rooms 612 and 613, 42 River street, Bonheum

## THE BEAUTIES OF GOV-**ERNMENT OWNERSHIP** UNDER CAPITALISM.

A writer in the Worker, the official journal of the Federated Workers of per cent alcohol. Another "family Quenesland, speaking of the recent strike on the "government owned" Victorian rallway, says:

In all the annals of capitalistic tyranny it is doubtful if a worse case than that can be found. The rallway servants under Bully Bent suffered grosser injustice than under any pri- anything from gout to consumption vate company. They had no redress. The law, which should protect every citizen against oppression, was here itself the oppressor. The whole forces alcohol, almost one-half alcohol. I imof government and the revenue of the country were used to crush them, and strong believer in the abolition of invictimize them, and buy over the traitors to be found in the ranks of every

That one case alone, if there were nothing more to be said, would prove the absolute necessity of extending listed is 12.2 per cent. the protection of the Arbitration Court

But there is a vast deal more to be said. Employment by the State is by people imagine.

could tell some shocking tales of sweating in the State service.

In the railway branch the condition of things under the rule of Jananias was notorious. The present government, to its credit, is making a systematic effort to wipe out the legacy of sweating left it by its predecessors and place the whole civil service upor a more equitable basis. And to this end it would probably be glad to have the assistance of a competent arbitration tribunal,

In the Post and Telegraph Department here, which the commonwealth has inherited from us, the conditions of labor and the wages paid in many instances would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the most hardened private boss.

The "government stroke!" - that pleasant fiction of the anti-Socialist. There is very little of it among the wage-earners in public employment; it is a phenomenon peculiar to the high places where the salaried aristocracy of the service loll back with their boots upon the furniture and trim their nails -the pampered and pitch-forked favorites of influential politicians.

The proposal to shut out a worker from the benefits of arbitration because his employer happens to be a capitalistic government instead of a capitalistic individual or company, is food, clothing and shelter, nothing less than scandalous and cowardly. He is penalized enough in other ways. He has less liberty than any citizen in the land. He dare not be long to a political organization. He dare not speak his mind freely in public places as other men may do. He cannot become a candidate for any public office without surrendering his livelihood and running the risk of ruin, because mostly the civil servant, from the nature of the case, is employed at work in which the State holds a monopoly, and for which there is conse

A word on arbitration itself.

The Worker is not looking for the milienium from it. It will never go anywhere near the root of the trouble It is a palliative only. If it taught the laborer to be content with a por tion only of the product of his labor it would be mischlevous. Labor's share is the whole, and that no Arbitration Court will ever give us.

But the labor movement is not gong to peter out because the workers zet a little more wages and better conditions of toll. The propaganda of socialism will still go on, and the seed will fall in more receptive minds, for, as all agitators and reformers know the lower paid and worse treated the worker the poorer the harvest of dis

Arbitration will take from us, it is sald, and truly, the power to cease work. But while we have the power o vote that will not matter a great deal. We can hit capitalism harder at the ballot box than we ever did on strike.

The point that decides this paper in favor of arbitration is that it will give us more than we have got at present And the policy of labor socialism, it seems to us, is to get what we can by the means at hand, and keep on striv The following donations and pay- ing for more, and still more, until Jusice is satisfied. And that will never Previously reported .......\$334.82 be until we have got all, for labor pro

> The May issue of the Ludies' Home Journal devotes an entire page to the "patent medicine curse," It quotes he names of thirty-six concoctions as gotten out by the Massachusetts State Board Analyist, Document No. 34, Some of these "medicines" have been on the market for years, and the fact that the makers are still coining money at the game proves that the full quota of suckers is being born every minute. · A young wife, according to the Jourrial, who expected to be confined, asked Dr. Abbott, secretary of the Massachu setts State Board of Health, for an analysis of "Dr. Pierce's Pavorite Prescription." The answer was this, for about nine ounces:

Tincture of Digitalis, 14 Ifuid

Tineture of Opium, 19 fluid drachm. Oil of Anise, S drops. Alcohol, 132 onnees.

This would make a preparation connining about 17 per cent alcohol. Near ly everyone knows the weakening effeet digitalis has on the heart. How could a child be anything else but a weakling if its mother had taken much of this poison? Lydla Plakham's Vegetable Com-

ound contains 20.6 alcohol. The "veg etable" ingredient catches the public di right. Paine's Celery Compound 21 per cent alcohol. Think of it. Cel ery Compound with over one-lifth alco hol! Hood's Sarsaparilla contains 18.8 medicine" which has been forced upon unsuspecting victims for a long time-"Perunn;" "the latest and greatest discovery," with its 28.5 per cent alcohol. with whole page advertisements in papers' with the pictures of people who allege to have been cured for almost

Other "nerve" medicines and "bitpers" contain as high as 47.5 per cent agine I can see the devout old man, toxicating drinks, walking to his cupboard every morning and evening and taking a "nip," quite innocent of his doings. The smallest amount of alco-sition. Apparently the abolition of hol in any of the medicines or bitters

While the expose is a good thing, the editor offers no specific remedy. He Like the men spoken of by Christ knows that the frauds practiced upon 2000 years ago, whose excuse for the public are all for profit, and that standing "all the day idle in the market afford, but as the payee demands. no means the "soft thing" many good as long as this system of graft exists place" was that no man had hired And so the employer is compelled to we shall have deception. Sand in sugar them, so organized labor to-day still meet the employes' strike with a lock-Here in Queensland the Worker and acids in canned goods. In fact, finds itself at the mercy of the "boss" about 85 per cent of our manufactured and believes it can only "live, breathe, goods are adulterated with opium and move and have its being" through the all sorts of injurious ingredients.

Place the blame where it belongs, to the pillars of the present state of society. The wealthy and aristocratic, who make donations to churches and charity and then pose as philanthropists in its efforts to wrest trivial concesand eminently respectable personstheir finery and swell surroundings are pended in the abolition of wage slavthe direct result of this wholesale poisoning. "Distillers" would be the right plished this result. But organized name for them. And how about Wom- labor does not reason; one could alen's Christian Temperance Union? most believe it to be incapable of rea-Why don't that concern direct its fire soning: It does not comprehend the to the right place? They attack the relation between cause and effect, por saloons instead of the distilleries and perceive that, so long as certain causes their owners. Likewise the churches: all their efforts are wasted by not going for the foundation. And they are not alone in their blind efforts. The Referendum League and all the reformers will never accomplish anything worth speaking of until they lo-

cate the vital point. The only way to end this deception is to abolish the profit system, wipe it out entirely. That's what the Socialists propose to do. Under Socialism table, is very apt to injure the child, there would be no incentive to practice frauds and hypocrisy, because nothing could be gained by it. The Socialists have the only program which will assure you of pure food, and sufficient

#### HENRY J. WIEGEL.

SOCIAL NOTES.

LEAP YEAR PARTY. Next Saturday night the ladies of the Third Ward branch of the Socialist party in Chicago will give a Leap Year Party and dance at the Third the mills, the factories, the workshops, Ward headquarters, 3345 South State street. Any of the readers of the Chiengo Socialist who are looking for a by Baeri to those who possess them, good time that night, should not miss then their owners have a natural as this affair. Comrades, come out and

SPRING CAMPAIGN FUND. Previously acknowledged.....\$95.44 Twelfth Ward English Speaking

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Tetal ....... \$98.44 invite to dinner.

PLEASURE CLUB NOTICE.

All members of the Socialist PI-esure Club are requested to be present at the Third Word Headquarters, 3345 State street, Thursday May 26th.

rades of Chicago and vicinity to the and the club Socialist Pleasure Club new being orwork and the enjoyment of its members on very small dues, we will be them in a short time provided the comto make some showing at an early cialists.

Our plan 's to admit persons of all of education we desire to do.

bership and it will guarantee a rapid the ciub:

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We have further besured growth by providing that each member shall ganized for the purpose of maintaining bring in at least one result per quara place of amusement for propaganda ter. And this even with our present small start would mean a growth to (1,600) one thousand six hundred men able to maintain bowling, billiards, bers in one year's time. We expect, athletics, etc., etc., and can establish however, to do better than this and want you, the reader, to help us to do rades give the merited assistance; our it; for a large membership is bound uccess is now assured, but we desire to mean a pleasant time and more So-Now one more point, we provide

that club members who do not be car fare. For particulars, apply political beliefs to membership, but long to the party must subscribe for have provided that only Socialist Party in Socialist paper and attend at least members shall vote or hold office, thus (6) six Socialist lectores or speeches assuring that it shall continue Socials per year to the end that no guilty istic and at the same time availing man or woman may escape our philos ourselves of funds that will come ophy. Now, if you are interested in largely from outside of the party and | the work fill out the application blank bring us in contact with the people below and forward by seturn mail to under conditions favorable to the work Miss Grace Bagnell, 3838 Indiana avenue, the Secretary of the club. We Our monthly dues are 25 cents, and | need your aid, give it now, send in we result one month's dues for each your name voluntarily without waitnew member brought in. This will hig for a personal appeal and then allow any one to be entirely free from get to work and organize your friends dues by husting to increase the mem- | (whether Socialist or otherwise) into

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# MAHOMET AND THE MOUNTAIN

By S. Woodman.

mountain." In the scheme of modern their counterparts. Organized labor, as it exists to day, especially in America, is aptly typified by "the mountain," It is a huge, heert mass; it does not move, but it grows. It is constantly growing. To-day it blocks the pathway of progress and obscures the sunlight of economic freedom. It stands tinent; but if Socialism is right, the for the same things now that it stood for when the first trade union was organized-shorter hours, more pay; ess work, more wages. It has never as a body, seriously contemplated the possibility of a radical change of pocapitalism and the destruction of the wage system have never been considered by it even as a remote possibility will of the master class. It is safe to fensive weapon and play a more im assume that if the same amount of energy, dogged determination and unity of action which organized labor has manifested in its puerile demands. sions from capitalism, had been exery, it would long since have accomcontinue in active operation, certain effects are bound to follow, and consequently that if the causes be removed the effects will naturally cease.

The present attitude of organized labor towards the capitalism which it upholds is like that of the little child who strikes with its young fists the chair or the table with which it has collided, which action, while it does not seriously damage the chair or the which is either too ignorant or too helpless to remove the cause of of-

Now, if it is right, just and rational; if, in a word, it is a sound economic principle that production and distribution should be carried on by private parties, associations, trusts or syndicates, for their individual or associated profit, then whatever is calculated to diminish that profit, or to jeopardize the interests vested in various enterprises should be resisted. should, if possible, be destroyed. If the mines, the railroads, etc., belong of right (of divine right, as claimed well as a constitutional right to do as they please with their own, and organized labor is no more jutified in dictating terms to these owners or interfering with them in the conduct of their legitimate business than it would be in entering a man's house to tell

him how he should arrange the furni-

ture or how many guests he should

"If the mountain will not come to | But if the means of production and Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the distribution belong of right not to those who possess them, but to those industrialism these two factors have who operate them, then their present owners are simply usurpers, and should be absolutely dispossessed of that which they wrongfully hold as

their private property. There is, there can be, no middle ground. If capitalism is right, trade unionism is not only wrong, but impercapitalist class is a robber class and should be, as a class, wiped out of existence.

But trade unionism, or oganized labor, does not realize this; it wants a master. O. yes! but it demands, and sometimes exacts, obedience from that muster; it is satisfied to work for wages, but insists on compelling him who pays the wages to pay as much and as often, not as the payer, in justice to himself and the business can And there is little doubt that in the not far distant future, the lock ont will prove itself a formidable de portant part in the settlement of labo disputes than it has done in the past All this because labor is a "moun tain," without the brain to plan intel ligently or the soul to aspire; it has however, a stomach, and this is appar ently its dominant organ.

The mountain awaits the advent of "Mahomet," and Mahomet is here, He is here in the person of Socialism, and, as this inert mass, this dear, dumb and blind thing we call organized is bor, will not move or budge, or take one step in the direction of Socialism, it is "up to" Mahomet to go to the mountain."

What will Mahomet do with the mountain? Will be surmount it, will he beset it, or will he order it to "remove and be cast into the depths of the sea?" None of these: Mahomet will simply tunnel the mountain; some of his miners and sappers, a few of his advance guard, have been there already. They have commenced operations, but Mahomet's entire army is now on the march, and sooner or later it will force a passage through the center of this obstruction, through which the whole human race shall press on to take possession of the cooperative commonwealth.

"Mahomet" must do this. There is no other route for him to take. His way lies through the heart of this mountain, and those who dwell in its friendly shade, or those who have reared their palaces on its beights may well be concerned for their safety There may be some who fear that

the dignity of Socialism will be con pomised in this onward march of "Mahomet," who insist that, soone or later, the desired goal would be reached by some other route, through some other agency.

They are wrong. It is not only perfeetly legitimate, but highly commend able, to "stoop to conquer." Organized labor has prepared a body, which is all ready and waiting for the soul that is to take possession of it, and Socialism is that soul. MAKE WAY FOR SMAHOMET."

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But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the ongreat end of the co-operative common wealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to selze the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

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# STATE PLATFORM.

STATE PLATFORM OF THE SO-CIALIST PARTY, ADOPTED AT PEORIA, APRIL 18, 1904.

EXHIBIT E.

The Socialist party of Illinois, in convention assembled, declares its alm to be the organization of the working class into a political party with a view to voting the political power into the hands of the working people of this state and using this political power for the purpose of transferring the productive forces of Illinois from private to collective ownership and transforming production for private profit Into production for common use.

Under the present system of production, the great mass of the people can only acquire the means of existence by seiling their labor power, and thus their own persons, to the capitalist minority, who own the land and the machinery of production and distribution. With the progress of industrial development, the economic antagonism between these two classes is reflected in politics and becomes the main issue which overshadows every other issue This is the only issue which is of vital interest for the working class, all other Issues being merely means of deceiving the workers in the interest of the capitalist minority.

In the course of the last two decade the great capitalists have secured full control of the Republican party and are now making great efforts to con trol the Democratic party, which had so long been partially in the contro of the middle class. But this struggle between these two capitalist camps i carried on solely for the purpose of deciding whether the great capitalis or the small capitalist shall have the privilege of appropriating the greater starre of the product of the working Card No. 325, Evanston class. The workers must not be deceived by the patriotic, sentimental and humanitarian phrases by which the two old parties seek to conceal

their real purposes. Both the great capitalist and the middle class have now outgrown their social usefulness. The great capitalist class leads a mere parasitical life. The capitalist minerity of the middle class is no longer an essential factor in social production, while the majority of the middle class are in practically Card No. 1709, O. Meyer, Hill the same position as the mass of the proletarian workers, who have no oth- Card No. 1420, Branch No. 21, er means of existence but the sale of their labor power. They cannot live unless they sell themselves to some master, and they cannot find a master unless they produce profits for him. But this proletarian class is the essentini class in modern production, and therefore it should rule in society and Card No. 1934, Wm. Inderlist, control the product of its labor.

Owing to the introduction and perfection of modern machinery, the con centration of industries in trusts and the ever-increasing tendency toward female and child labor, there is a continually growing army of unemployed.

able-bodied men, who depress the price f Card No. 1940, Wm. Inderlist. of human labor power, prevent the working class from reaping any appreciable benefits from the increased productive power of society, and generally have no other alternative but crime or starvation. The home and the family of the workers are thus destroyed. their individual development arrested or reversed, their social and political status lowered, their opportunities for Card No. 1855, Fourth Assemlife, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are thus diminished or totally denied, and they become outcasts in the very society which they have helped to make rich beyond dreams.

The economic development which

has brought about these conditions

continues to its logical end-that is, to

the control of the means of life in the hands of a few great corporations and the absolute economic dependence of the mass of the nation on these capitalist masters. To the extent that this development proceeds, also grows the arrogance and lawlessness of the capitalist class and the tendency to es tablish a centralized and oppressive government. The whole nuchinery of government is set in motion to fight every step of the working class made in the direction of better conditions The labor organizations are tled hand and foot by injunctions and by the confiscation of their treasuries. Sples are paid to enter the unions and disrupt them. Rival unions are organized by the capitalist class to prevent the bona tide labor unions from ameliorating their condition. Labor leaders are boodwinked or made traitors to their elass. Singging committees, Pinkertons, police, militia or regulars are emplayed to overawe strikers and protect strike breakers. Unorganized workers are disfranchised or builied at the ballot box. The army and navy are in creased and militia laws are passed for the purpose of placing the entire military force of the United States at the beek and call of the capitalist president in Washington. While this is done under the guise of protecting the nation against foreign foes, it is really aimed at the projetarian citiselves, and those we represent, to be zens of this country. And when all means fall to break the solidarity of the organized and unorganized workers, martial aw is declared and the military despotism tramples on the rights of the working class and even defles the courts. The state of Colorado furnishes an object lesson in this respect. This will gradually become the condition in every state where the working class leaves the political power in the hands of the capitalist class.

The Issue thus resolves itself down to the question: Shall the proletarian majority or the capitalist minority rule? In this issue the Socialist party is the only political party that stands uncompromisingly on the side of the working class. All other political parties, no matter how radical some of their leaders may seem, stand for the interests of the capitalist minority. The proletarian majority can win in this struggle only by constituting itself. as a class in the Socialist party and capturing the political power for the purposes named above—that is, the in-

auguration of Socialism. The coming of Socialism does not simply depend on the economic development of the capitalist system of production, but also on the intellectual and political self-consciousness of the working class. The Socialist party can improve the conditions of the working class only to the extent that the working class supports this party. So long library can be made as complete as as the Socialist party is a minority party it can, therefore, use only what political power it may have a o secure such amelioration as may be outlined in the instructions given by

the party to its elected candidates. But a minority party is easily defeated or obstructed in parliamentary activity. Only when the Socialist party will have the insjority of votes, not alone in the state of Illinois, but in the whole nation, can permanent relief come to the majority of the tollers in the cities and on the farms. To accomplish this the Socialist party urges the proletarian workers of both sexes and of all occupations to unite politically and vote for Socialism.

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ticket will be nominated. John W.

Arvidson, of Rutland, has been elected

National Committeeman from that The referendum on the election of State officials for the Socialist party in Idaho resulted as follows: Secretary Treasurer, L. E. Workman, Boise: Na tional Committeeman, G. F. Carter, Boise; Organizer, A. G. Miller. Boise was elected as seat of State headquar-

ters. The report of State Secretary

Workman shows up encouragingly for

the party in Idaho.

The National Secretary is arranging for the publication in book form of the complete stenographic report of the proceedings of the recent national convention. It is expected that the book will be sold at a nominal figure so as to place it within the reach of all party members, and it will be a valuable memento of an historic gathering.

The Socialist party State convention of New Hampshire, held April 21, nominated Sumner F. Claffin for Gov ernor and chose five electors for the Presidential ticket. The party will vote by referendum upon the election of National Committeeman to succeed Comrade Claffin, who has resigned

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swallow with the robin. Finally there is always the constant struggle of animal life with the physical environment. This is seen in the efforts of wild animals to find springs of water in summer and warm places for shelter in the winter and food in

cusons of scarcity. III. a seese three forms of struggle are found among every species of ani mal. In some cases one phase of the struggie may be more operative than another. Throughout the entire struggle there is discrimination going on Those that survive are the ones fittest to survive in the environment in which

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# Party Announcements.

The County Central Committee meets the second Sunday of each month. Hour, 2 to 6 p. m. Officers:

The 28d Ward, No. 2, German, meets every Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock at 148 Willow st.

LEAFLETS

Every comrade and ward branch, take notice. The article published in Chicago Socialist, Feb. 27, entitled. The Unemployed. by A. M. Simon, has been published in leader form and is now on sale at the office. The article written by E. Unterman for the C. C. C. entitled the Trusts and the Working Class. has also been brinted in leader form. These are 4-paged leaders, printed on extra line paper. Space is left on the last page for advertising meetings. These leaflets deal with present conditions directly concerning the working class and should be whilely circulated. Any person or branch can get either one of them at \$1.25 per thousand. Send in your order at once. Order from the undersigned. Harold Lindgren, County Secretary. Telephone Graceland 395)

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The Cook County Central Committee meets in continued session Sanday, May 15. 2 p. m. sharp, at Trades and Labor Union Headquarters, 44-46 La Saile street, at the mouth of tunnel.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

28TH WARD BRANCH. At the list regular business meeting of the 28th Ward Brauch Jas. R. Larson, re-siding at 1924 North Albany a cane, was elected Secretary, in place of Chas. B. Ehn born, resigned. JAS. P. LARSON.

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